GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:180
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2000
AMENDMENTS TO POLICE ACT, 1861
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring amendments in the Police Act, 1861 to make it relevant to present day policing;

(b) whether the National Police Commission has also recommended to bring amendments in the Act; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K.ADVANI)
(a),(b)&(c) The National police commission in its 8th Report recommended replacement of Police Act, 1861. `Police` is a state subject as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution and it is primarily for the State Governments to have their own Police Acts enacted. Some of the State Governments have made their own Police Acts.
Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court in a pending PIL, a Committee was constituted to suggest ways and means for implementation of the pending recommendations of the National Police Commission including amendment of the Police Act, 1861. The reports of the Committee have been filed in the Supreme Court as directed by the hon`ble Court.